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REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-9 and 11-17 are now pending in the application. Claim 1 has been amended and

Claim 10 has been cancelled without prejudice.

The Examiner has rejected Claim 1 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by

Tsuneo (JP 2001227229) and Claims 1, 13 and 17 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated

by U.S. Patent 6,742,221 to Lu et al.

An indication that Claims 2-12 and 14-16 would be allowable if rewritten in independent

form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims is appreciated.

By this amendment, Claim 1 has been amended to include the recitation of now cancelled Claim

10, which the Examiner has found to contain allowable subject matter.

In view of the forgoing amendment and accompanying remarks, it is respectfully

submitted that all of the claims pending herein, namely, Claims 1-9 and 11-17, are now in

condition for allowance.

Should the Examiner believe that a telephone conference or personal interview would

facilitate resolution of any remaining matters, the Examiner may contact Applicant's attorney at

the number given below.

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